



## McCormick's Creek State Park

Interpretive Center Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 7 days a week!

Look for our program schedules on the web: [www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/12066.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/12066.htm)

Our programs are free and open to the public after paying the park entrance fee. Please contact the Nature Center if you would like us to do a private program for your group- **812-829-4344**.

**\*\*Healthy Parks/Healthy People:** Look for HP/HP on the schedule to get "INshape" with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 1

**9:00 a.m. Worship Service.** Non-denominational. Nature Center Auditorium.

**10:30 a.m. Meet the Peden's-** Meet at the Nature Center. The land that is now McCormick's Creek State Park has a rich history. Take this time to learn about an early family that settled here. Bring hiking shoes and a water bottle; this hike will take around an hour.

**1-3:00 p.m. Naturalist at Wolf Cave**

### MONDAY, JUNE 2

**10:30 a.m. Pioneer Plant Walk-** Meet at the Nature Center. Explore the past uses of plants.

**2:30 p.m. Reptile Rendezvous-** Nature Center. Meet some of McCormick's reptiles!

### TUESDAY, JUNE 3

**10:30 a.m. HP/HP: Wildflower Wandering-** Meet at the Nature Center. See what's blooming!

**2:30 p.m. Whoooo's Who?: Owl Program-** Nature Center. Which owls are among us? We may not see them but we can look for signs.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

**10:30 a.m. Trees 101-** Nature Center. Learn how to identify ten common trees of McCormick's Creek State Park. It's not really a college course; but be ready for a quiz!

**2:30 p.m. Creek Peek-** Meet at the Nature Center. Visit the creek with a naturalist and look for signs of animals and insects visiting/living in the creek! Might get your shoes wet.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 5

**10:30 a.m. Natural Tools-** Nature Center. A hummingbird's beak is sort of like a straw.... This activity will give you a little insight about bird beaks and what they're used for!

**2:30 p.m. Nature's First Aid-** Meet at the Nature Center for a short hike to look at the forest as a medicine cabinet!

**4:00 p.m. Pool Program: Snake Break-** Swimming in the pool? Visit a naturalist at the break for a short introduction to the world of snakes!

### FRIDAY, JUNE 6

**10:30 a.m. Terrific Trees-** Meet at the nature center. Take a short hike to learn interesting facts you may not know about our everyday trees.

**2:30 p.m. Snakesssss-** Nature Center. Take a closer look at our reptile ambassadors.

**4:00 p.m. Pool Program: Turkey Vultures-** Swimming in the pool? Visit a naturalist at the break to learn about those "big, black, flyers" up above.



## SATURDAY, JUNE 7

- 1-3:00 p.m. **Naturalist at Wolf Cave**  
2:00 p.m. **Introductory Square-dancin'** with the Campground Hosts- Nature Center Auditorium.  
4:00 p.m. **Pool Program: Creek Peek-** Swimming in the pool? Visit a naturalist at the break to take a peek into the life of a creek with live critters.  
8:30 p.m. **Evening Hike:** Meet at Canyon Inn. Join a naturalist for an evening hike to explore each of our five senses and learn how nocturnal animals are adapted for the night. Approx 45 minutes.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 8

- 9:00 a.m. **Worship Service.** Non-denominational. Nature Center Auditorium.

## MONDAY, JUNE 9

- 10:30 a.m. **Tree I.D. and Leaf Print Activity-** Nature Center.



## TUESDAY, JUNE 10

- 10:30 a.m. **Arrest the Pest: Emerald Ash Borer-** Nature Center. What is an invasive Emerald Ash Borer is changing the face of Indiana landscapes by destroying its ash trees. Learn how to identify and prevent its spread.  
2:30 p.m. **Hoosier Quest!** Nature Center. Come learn the ins and outs of the new Hoosier Quest Program!



## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

**Naturalists are attending training.**

Please explore the Nature Center and take time to view wildlife at our observation area.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 12

- 10:30 a.m. **Bee Family:** Nature Center. Meet the honeybee family. Why are these bees important?  
2:30 p.m. **That Wormy Feeling:** Nature Center. Feeling squirmy already? Take a closer look at the adaptations of worms!  
4:00 p.m. **Pool Program: Build a Beaver-** Swimming in the pool? Visit a naturalist at the break; someone will dress like a beaver to show special adaptations.



## FRIDAY, JUNE 13: FRIDAY THE 13<sup>TH</sup>!

- 10:30 a.m. **Go Batty!**- Nature Center. *One Little Brown Bat can catch over 3000 mosquito-sized insects in one night!* Learn how they fly, hunt, and some common myths.  
2:30 p.m. **Wonders of Science: Nature's Magic Show-** Nature Center. Explore the wonders of science and nature with hands-on experiments!  
4:00 p.m. **Pool Program: Turtle Time-** Swimming in the pool? Join a naturalist during the pool break to learn a little about these ancient reptiles.  
7:00 p.m. **Myth or Reality: Special Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> program-** Nature Center. Uncover some of nature's most common myths.



## SATURDAY, JUNE 14

- 1-3:00 p.m. **Naturalist at Wolf Cave**  
2:00 p.m. **Introductory Square-dancin'** with the Campground Hosts- Nature Center Auditorium.  
4:00 p.m. **Pool Program: Make a Planisphere-** Swimming in the pool? Visit a naturalist at the break and make a planisphere to help with night sky observations.  
8:30 p.m. **"Night Owls" Hike-** Meet at the Canyon Inn front steps. A short hike is for all those "night owls" out there who like to stay up late. Experience the night by using your senses!

## SUNDAY, JUNE 15: FATHER'S DAY!

- 9:00 a.m. **Worship Service.** Non-denominational. Nature Center Auditorium.  
10:30 a.m. **Animal Families:** Nature Center. What makes a family? We'll talk about animal families and what members we may see roaming around McCormick's Creek.



**1-3:00 p.m. Naturalist at Wolf Cave**

**MONDAY, JUNE 16**

**10:30 a.m. Wily Coyote and Canine Cousins-** Nature Center. Take a look at the close relationship between domestic dogs and their wild cousins.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 17**

**10:30 a.m. HP/HP: Caves and Sinkholes, OH MY! Hike to Wolf Cave:** Meet at the Nature Center. What is karst topography? Find out more about the rocks and cave environment you may live on top of. 2 hours.

**2:30 p.m. What's that SCAT?!-** Nature Center. Doo, poop, droppings, feces~all the names of scat! Learn all you ever wanted to know about identifying animals by their signs and scat.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18: FULL "STRAWBERRY" MOON!**

**10:30 a.m. Astronomy by Day-** Nature Center. Make a planisphere to use in night sky exploration.

**2:30 p.m. By the Light of the MOON-** Nature Center. Find out why June is the "strawberry moon" and interesting facts about Earth's only natural satellite. **STRAWBERRY SAMPLES!**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 19**

**10:30 a.m. Find the Fire tower:** Meet at Canyon Inn. Hike trail four with a naturalist to find McCormick's fire tower.

**2:30 p.m. Owl Pellet Dissection-** Nature Center. Find out what owls eat by taking a closer look!

**4:00 p.m. Pool Program: Insect Mania!** Swimming in the pool? Join a naturalist for the pool break to learn all about the world of insects.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 20: SUMMER SOLSTICE**

**10:30 a.m. Animal Architects-** Meet at the nature center. Just as us humans need a place to call home, so do the critters living in our park. Who are these fabulous builders and just how do they do it?

**2:30 p.m. Soil Safari-** Nature Center- Soil is under our feet. Dirt is what's under our fingernails. Come explore the wonderful world of soil.

**4:00 p.m. Pool Program: Safe Summer Sun!-** Swimming in the pool? Join a naturalist during the pool break to learn about sun safety.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 21**

**10:30 a.m. Sun Clocks-** Nature Center. Make a sun clock and tell time without a clock.

**1-3:00 p.m. Naturalist at Wolf Cave**

**2:00 p.m. Introductory Square-dancin' with the Campground Hosts-** Nature Center Auditorium.

**4:00 p.m. Pool Program: Creek Peek-** Swimming in the pool? Visit a naturalist at the break to take a peek into the life of a creek with live critters.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 22**

**9:00 a.m. Worship Service.** Non-denominational. Nature Center Auditorium.

**10:30 a.m. Layers of the Forest-** Meet at the Nature Center. Did you know the forest can be divided into layers? Join a naturalist on this short hike to investigate the forest layers.

**1-3:00 p.m. Naturalist at Wolf Cave**

**MONDAY, JUNE 23**

**10:30 a.m. Wild Footprints-** Meet at the Nature Center. A tracking program for everyone to enjoy.

**2:30 p.m. Habitat Hike-** Meet at the Nature Center.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 24**

**10:30 a.m. HP/HP: Caves and Sinkholes, OH MY! Hike to Wolf Cave:** Meet at the Nature Center. What is karst topography? Find out more about the rocks and cave environment you may live on top of. 2 hours.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25**

**10:30 a.m. Our Feathered Friends-** Nature Center. Learn the steps to successful birding.

**2:30 p.m. Creek Peek-** Meet at the Nature Center. Visit the creek with a naturalist and look for signs of animals and insects visiting/living in the creek! Might get your shoes wet.



## THURSDAY, JUNE 26

- 10:30 a.m.** **Looking Back: CCC History Walk-** Meet at the Canyon Inn front steps for a walk back in time to the 1930's when men were transforming this park into what it is today.
- 2:30 p.m.** **Squirrel World-** Nature Center. We see them everyday but how much do you really know about those common squirrels?
- 4:00 p.m.** **Pool Program: Build a Beaver-** Swimming in the pool? Visit a naturalist at the break; someone will dress like a beaver to show special adaptations.



# 3rd annual Arts in the Park

Presented by Friends of McCormick's Creek State Park, Inc.

June 27-29, 2008



## FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 27

- 6:00-7:30 p.m.** **Judith Brennen-** Enjoy beautiful harp music during dinner hour at the **Canyon Inn**.
- 7:30-8:30 p.m.** **Hornbones Brass Sextet-** Move to the nearby **Park Amphitheater** to enjoy an evening of swing, polka, ragtime, and classical!

## SATURDAY, JUNE 28

- 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.** **Arts in the Park-** McCormick's Creek Nature Center area- Local art vendors featuring their works including pottery, quilting, jewelry, painting, photography, and much more.
- T.B.A.** **Artist Workshops-** Nature Center Auditorium or Outdoor Area.
- 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.** **Kid's Art Zone-** McCormick's Creek Nature Center- Stop by to help with this years community art project and make something to take home too.

### **Music in the Park**

- Music Showmobile located outside Nature Center*
- 11-12 noon-** **Craig Brenner and the Crawdads-** blues
- 12:30-1:30 p.m.-** **Celtic Myst-** 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Lunchtime Contradancing Concert
- 2-3:00 p.m.-** **Two Tones-** folk
- 3:30-4:30 p.m.-** **Jenn Cristy Band-** high-energy original rock
- 5-6:00 p.m.-** **Rozlyn and the Sawmill Gang-** bluegrass, featuring Rozlyn on fiddle
- 6:30-7:30 p.m.-** **Owen County S.O.U.N.D.S.**
- 8-9:00 p.m.-** **Jim and Kate Smith-** Celtic
- 9:30-10:30 p.m.-** **Tim Grimm-** singer/songwriter

## SUNDAY, JUNE 29

- 10 a.m.- 11 a.m.** **Grey Larsen-** Music Showmobile located outside Nature Center- folk music
- 11 a.m.- 12 noon** **Curtis Cantwell Jackson-** Music Showmobile- acoustic, R&B, jazz!

## MONDAY, JUNE 30

- 10:30 a.m.** **Terrific trees-** Meet at the Nature Center for a short hike. Did you know that the word beech and the word book are derived from the same root? Come learn interesting facts you may not have known about our everyday trees.
- 2:30 p.m.** **Reptile Rendezvous-** Nature Center. Snakes aren't slimy! Come feel for yourself!